



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

SUBJECT: BGF Industries, Inc. Site Characterization Report

FROM: Aquanetta Dickens, Chief
Toxics Programs and Enforcement Branch (3WC33)

TO: James J. Burke, Director
Waste and Chemicals Management Division (3WC00)

Recommended Action:

Please sign the attached letter responding to the submittal of BGF Industries Inc's (BGF) Site Characterization Report, describing the PCB contamination assessment activities conducted at their facility in Altavista, Virginia. U.S. EPA Region III's PCB Program is anticipating submittal of a PCB cleanup workplan, based upon 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(a) or (c), or some combination thereof, to address the PCB contamination at the facility.

The Site Characterization Report from BGF will be reviewed to ensure that the characterization information required by the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(a)(2) has been included.

Background:

BGF's Altavista plant ("Site"), located at 401 Amherst Avenue in Altavista, Virginia, consists of two main buildings and three parking areas. The buildings and parking areas occupy approximately 22 acres. The facility primarily performs fiberglass cloth slashing. PCB oil, used by the former owner (Burlington Industries), was used in a heat-transfer drying system at the facility from the early 1960's until approximately 1973. The pump in the heat-transfer system was said to have failed often, resulting in multiple releases of PCB oil into a nearby storm sewer system and as deep as fifteen (15) feet below the ground surface. Soil samples collected at depth (> 10 feet) have been analyzed and found to contain as high as 17,000+ ppm PCBs.

State/Regional Coordination:

A copy of BGF's Site Characterization Report, dated April 6, 2001 was forwarded by BGF, at EPA's request, to Dr. Michael Scanlon, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality PCB Source Search Team, Team Leader. Region III's response will be forwarded to Dr. Khizar

Wasti, Virginia Department of Health, and Erica Dameron, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Superfund Program Coordinator. A copy will also be sent to Dr. Scanlon.

Anticipated Impacts:

None

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